

67th YEAR

MRS. ELLYSON REPORTS ON WORK OF SOCIETY

Valuable Relics Preserved and His-
toric Articles Put in Safe-
keeping.

CHAPLET OF INDIAN QUEEN

Silver Frontlet Given by King
Charles II, to Queen of Pamun-
keys Becomes Property of Anti-
quities Association.

At the annual meeting of the Asso-
ciation for the Preservation of Vir-
ginia Antiquities held at the John
Marshall House on Thursday, Mrs. J.
Taylor Ellyson, president, submitted
the following annual report:

We enter today upon the twenty-
ninth year of active service of the
Association for the Preservation of
Virginia Antiquities. We are holding
for the fifth time our annual meeting
in the John Marshall House. We can
not too frequently call to mind that
the object of this association is to
acquire, restore, and preserve the
ancient and historic grounds, buildings,
monuments and tombs of the Com-
monwealth of Virginia, and to re-
ceive the same by gift or purchase as
is provided by the provisions of our
charter. How faithfully we have dis-
charged the trust confided to us can
best be measured by what we have
accomplished since the organization of
the association.

The work of restoration and preser-
vation grows more and more valuable
as the years come and go. The re-
port from our annual treasurer, made soon
after the last annual meeting, told
how she had received many letters ex-
pressing high appreciation of the work
of the association. These words of
commendation, coming as they do from
members, not only resident in Rich-
mond, but elsewhere, give us great
encouragement and manifest a continu-
ing interest in our work.

APPRECIATIVE LETTERS
FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

We have been especially pleased at
the appreciation of what we have ac-
complished as manifested by communica-
tions from friends identified with org-
anizations doing similar work. William
Summer Apthorpe of Boston, a mem-
ber of the Society for the Preservation
of New England Antiquities, in
writing and for the loan of our
halfstone cut of the John Marshall
House, is very warm in his expres-
sion of interest in what we are doing
and was good enough to manifest that
interest by a publication in the bulletin
of the society of an interesting
article in which generous mention was
made of the gift by the city of Rich-
mond of the John Marshall House to us.
It is interesting to know that the
annual dues of the New England
Society are \$5. Mr. Apthorpe wonder-
ed how we could succeed on only
\$1. annual dues. The answer is, in
numbers there is strength.

The Librarian of the Congressional
Library at Washington adds additional
recognition of the historic usefulness
of our society by writing that he has
a complete file of our yearbooks
which he regards as very valuable.

NASHVILLE BRANCH
SHOWS ACTIVITY

The Virginians who compose our
Nashville branch keep up their regular
meetings. At their last annual meet-
ing in February a most interesting
paper was read on Virginia and Ten-
nessee by W. E. Beard. In July the
branch held a meeting at Leeland
Farm, the country home of the direc-
tor, Mr. W. W. Williams. This was an
all-day affair, business of the society
being interspersed with musical num-
bers, and a delightful luncheon, and in
the afternoon interesting addresses by
M. B. Toney, who spoke on "Women
of the South," besides addresses and
speeches by Robert Hopkins, Mrs.
Simpson Walker, and the whole con-
cluded with dancing the Virginia reel.

Reports of these meetings are always
an inspiration to us, and deserve, as
they receive, our hearty congratula-
tions.

The Fredericksburg branch, besides
caring for the Mary Washington House
and the Rising Sun Tavern, is arrang-
ing to place seven historic tablets
which have been presented by the
warden of the city. The branch will pro-
vide for the payment of the bronze
lettering on the tablets, and it is hoped
that two or three of these will be in
place by the spring. The time will be
selected for placing the monoliths in
the meeting of the society.

The Colonial Branch at Williamsburg
has raised the money for the tablet
No. II of the William and Mary alumini,
and it has already been placed in the hall of the college.

COLLECTION OF RELICS

KEPT IN POWDER HORN

The Powder Magazine, or Powder
Horn, as it is best known, which was
the first purchase made by this associa-
tion, is under the care of this branch.
In this building a unique collection of
relics has been gathered, and historic
memorial windows have been placed.
The magazine was built by Governor
Spotswood in 1711. It may be inter-
esting to recall the fact that the act
of Lord Dunsmore on the day after the
battle of Lexington in removing the
powder horn building aroused
Virginia to armed resistance.

The old landmark is octagonal in
form, about forty feet in diameter, with
massive brick walls and a steep, point-
ed roof. After the Revolution it was
used for a time as a market place, then
as a house of worship, after which it
was for two years used as a hall
for a dancing school; served again as
an arsenal in the War Between the
States. After this the property was
sold to a man who made use of it as a
stable. It was finally purchased by the
Association for the Preservation of Vir-
ginia Antiquities. Mr. Little, Gar-
rett, the director of the branch, was
besieged by the promoters of the recent
land boom in Williamsburg to rent the
powder horn for office purposes, and
for permission to erect tents on the
lawn, offering fancy prices for such
use, but all of these offers were de-
clined, as was a tentative offer to your
president of \$25,000 for its purchase.

APPEAL MADE TO
SAVE OLD BLAIR HOUSE

An appeal was made to us during
the year to try to save the old Blair
house in Williamsburg. I felt so much
interested in the suggestion that I
made a visit to the city to see whether
it was practicable for the association
to undertake such a thing in relation
to this historic house, but I found that
it was not feasible for us to do so.
We had hoped to form a branch in
San Antonio, Tex., with Mrs. John
James, of that city, as director, but
this expectation has not yet been real-

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PRICE, FIVE CENTS

ized. It has also been proposed to or-
ganize a branch in the state of Ohio, by Virginians resident in that
city. In the pioneer parish there they
are restoring a very early church and
are preserving the old furnishings. The
association, through Mrs. John B.
Lightfoot, has donated from Jamestown
a brick to be placed in the altar with
others sent from old churches in Eng-
land.

I had a very enjoyable visit last
May to the Hall burial ground, in
Leesburg. The massive wall around is
of a design most unique and attrac-
tive. This is the only burying
ground owned by the association, except
the one at Jamestown.

At the December meeting of the asso-
ciation a very interesting paper was
read by Miss Maria Blair on the old
house now standing on the northeast
corner of Broad and Eleventh Streets
in Richmond. Mrs. James, the
novelist wrote some of her most inter-
esting books in this house.

ANNUAL RECEPTION HELD
AT JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE

The annual reception was held on
the afternoon of April 27 in the John
Marshall House, and it was a most
delightful occasion. The old mansion
is well adapted for such social events.
Spacious rooms, open arch fire places,
carved mantles, winding stairways,
make altogether a most pleasing home
in which to have our annual gathering.
The house was beautifully decorated,
and a large number present.

The committee on arrangements
consisted of Mrs. John H. Southall,
chairman; Mrs. E. Randolph Williams,
Mrs. St. George Bryan, Miss Mattie
Harris and Miss Nannie Jones.

The annual pilgrimage to Jamestown
on May 20 on the steamer Peacock
was a day of real enjoyment to
those who were privileged to go. Mrs.
A. P. Wilmer, the efficient chairman
of the excursion, was most painstaking
in her efforts to provide for the pleasure
of all who made the trip.

SHIVER FRONTLET
OF INDIAN QUEEN

One of the most valuable purchases
made by the association in many years
was the silver crown and frontlet of
the Queen of Pamunkey Indians, said
to be the only valuable relic in existence.

Mrs. John B. Lightfoot, chairman
of the Jamestown committee, spends
several days at the Yardley House
in advance of the excursion, making
ready for its reception. Her duties
during the year at Jamestown have
been very exacting, as her report will
show, but she is too modest to tell
what she knows to be true that while
the work there has been very costly
she has saved the association several
hundred dollars by her good judgment.

Smart Apparel for
Women and
Misses

None
Exchanged

Pamunkey tribe it was in the keep-
ing of the chief. Desiring to move
further West, the Indians in the early
part of the nineteenth century set
out upon their march. Sickness and a
severe winter delayed them near Haw-
thorpe, Stafford County, the estate of
Alexander Morson. He permitted them
to camp upon his place and was very
kind to them, giving them food and
medicine and making them comfortable.
Spring found the Indians ready to move.
The chief called upon Mr. Morson
to express gratitude for his kind-
ness and presented this precious
relic as a gift, the only thing of value
possessed by the tribe. Mr. Morson
was unwilling to accept the gift, but
when it was offered him he accepted it
and insisted upon its acceptance. Mr. Mor-
son consented to purchase the reli-
que for its weight in silver coin, and upon
these terms became the owner. The
silver chain was lost, the velvet
crown fell to pieces, the silver front-
let only remained, when, by his fa-
ther's will, this relic came into the
possession of Arthur Morson, of Rich-
mond.

ADDITIONS RECEIVED FOR
JOHN MARSHALL FUND

We received in July of last year \$250

from the Ohio Bar Association, sent to

Mrs. E. D. Washburn, by her friend,

Judge John A. Shauer, who solicited

the appropriation for the John Mar-

shall Fund.

Many additions have been made

to the collection in the mu-

museum at the John Marshall House,

which will appear in detail in the

report of Mrs. John Dunn, chairwoman.

A valuable gift of two half sets,

which originally were used at Oak

Hill, John Marshall's home, in Fair-

fax County, was made by Mr. and

Mrs. John Stewart Bryan and were

given in memory of Mrs. Joseph Bryan,

who was president of this association

from May, 1889, until her death in

1911.

Mrs. James Lyons also gave some
great valuable relics of Patrick Henry, her
great great grandfather.

An invitation was extended to the
members of the Educational Associa-
tion of Virginia during the recent
convention to visit the John Marshall House, and many en-
joyed the opportunity thus afforded to
see the home of the great Chief Justice.

The John Marshall House was closed

on January 21 on account of the death

of Miss Anna Harvie, who was the
granddaughter of John Marshall, and who
was born in this house and lived here
for many years.

I am sorry to have to record the
recent death of Mrs. C. W. P. Brock,

one of our very fine ladies.

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which will be followed by reports from
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an executive business meeting closing
the morning session. Mayor George
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Papers will be read by R. H. Mobley,

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